

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A combination, such as a combined preparation or pharmaceutical composition, respectively, comprising

- (i) an AT₁-receptor antagonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
- (ii) the diuretic amiloride or triameterine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
- (iii) a further diuretic or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (original): A combination according to claim 1, comprising

- (i) valsartan or a pharmaceutically accepted salt thereof and
- (ii) amiloride or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and
- (iii) hydrochlorothiazide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 3 (original): A combination according to claim 1, comprising

- (i) valsartan and
- (ii) amiloride hydrochlorid and
- (iii) hydrochlorothiazide.

Claim 4 (amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 3.

Claim 5 (original): A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention of, delay of progression of, treatment of a disease or condition selected from the group consisting of

- (a) hypertension, congestive heart failure, restenosis after percutaneous transluminal angioplasty, and restenosis after coronary artery bypass surgery;
- (b) atherosclerosis, insulin resistance and syndrome X, diabetes mellitus type 2, obesity, nephropathy, hypothyroidism, survival post myocardial infarction (MI), coronary heart diseases, hypertension in the elderly, familial dyslipidemic hypertension, increase of formation of collagen, fibrosis, and remodeling following hypertension (antiproliferative effect of the combination), all these diseases or conditions associated with or without hypertension;
- (c) endothelial dysfunction with or without hypertension,
- (d) hyperlipidemia, hyperlipoproteinemia, atherosclerosis and hypercholesterolemia, (e) glaucoma; furthermore
- (f) isolated systolic hypertension (ISH),

- (g) diabetic retinopathy, and
 - (h) peripheral vascular disease;
- comprising
- (i) an AT₁-receptor antagonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
 - (ii) the diuretic amiloride or triameterine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
 - (iii) a further diuretic or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and
 - (iv) an auxiliary.

Claim 6 (original): Use of a combination comprising

- (i) an AT₁-receptor antagonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
 - (ii) the diuretic amiloride or triameterine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
 - (iii) a further diuretic or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;
- for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention of, delay of progression of, treatment of a disease or condition selected from the group consisting of
- (a) hypertension, congestive heart failure, restenosis after percutaneous transluminal angioplasty, and restenosis after coronary artery bypass surgery;
 - (b) atherosclerosis, insulin resistance and syndrome X, diabetes mellitus type 2, obesity, nephropathy, hypothyroidism, survival post myocardial infarction (MI), coronary heart diseases, hypertension in the elderly, familial dyslipidemic hypertension, increase of formation of collagen, fibrosis, and remodeling following hypertension (antiproliferative effect of the combination), all these diseases or conditions associated with or without hypertension;
 - (c) endothelial dysfunction with or without hypertension,
 - (d) hyperlipidemia, hyperlipoproteinemia, atherosclerosis and hypercholesterolemia, (e) glaucoma; furthermore
 - (f) isolated systolic hypertension (ISH),
 - (g) diabetic retinopathy, and
 - (h) peripheral vascular disease.

Claim 7 (original): A method for the prevention of, delay of progression of, treatment of a disease or condition selected from the group consisting of

- (a) hypertension, congestive heart failure, restenosis after percutaneous transluminal angioplasty, and restenosis after coronary artery bypass surgery;
- (b) atherosclerosis, insulin resistance and syndrome X, diabetes mellitus type 2, obesity, nephropathy, hypothyroidism, survival post myocardial infarction (MI), coronary heart diseases, hypertension in the elderly, familial dyslipidemic hypertension, increase of formation of collagen, fibrosis, and remodeling following hypertension (antiproliferative effect of the combination), all these diseases or conditions associated with or without hypertension;
- (c) endothelial dysfunction with or without hypertension,

- (d) hyperlipidemia, hyperlipoproteinemia, atherosclerosis and hypercholesterolemia, (e) glaucoma; furthermore
- (f) isolated systolic hypertension (ISH),
- (g) diabetic retinopathy, and
- (h) peripheral vascular disease;

comprising administering to a warm-blooded animal, including man, in need thereof jointly therapeutically effective amounts of

- (i) an AT₁-receptor antagonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
- (ii) the diuretic amiloride or triameterine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
- (iii) a further diuretic or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 8 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination according claim 2.

Claim 9 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination according to claim 3.